

2020 CENSUS: AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATIONS

– MAKE MONTANA COUNT

In 2020, the U.S. Census will define who we are as a nation. This simple form, that can be filled out in 10 minutes, affects billions in federal funding, provides critical data, and determines political representation. It is vital to tribal nations, and to American Indian communities that the 2020 Census is accurate.

You can make a difference. You can partner with the U.S. Census Bureau to convey the importance of participating in the next census and to ensure no one is left uncounted. Achieving a complete and accurate 2020 Census shapes your future.

THE CENSUS: A SNAPSHOT FOR MONTANA

- The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S territories.
- It is estimated that, for every Montana resident counted, the state will receive \$20,000 back in federal funds over the next decade. Montana is spending \$0.09 per resident on promotion so it is critical that partners spread the word for the state to receive its fair share.
- Every year, more than \$675 billion in federal funds are awarded to states and communities annually based on Census data. Montana receives more than \$2 billion every year in federal funding based on Census data.
- The 2020 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation. Thousands of Montanans workers will be hired between spring of 2019 and summer 2020.
- Census data helps tribal communities plan for new buildings and programs and guides local decision-makers in important community planning and construction efforts including roads, hospitals, and schools.
- Census data affect your voice in Congress by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Projections show Montana could gain a second a U.S. House Representative in Congress with an accurate count.

2020 CENSUS TIMELINE: KEY DATES

March 2018	Census provides questions to Congress.
Fall 2018	Recruitment begins for local census jobs for early census operations.
Spring 2019	Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide.
Fall 2019	Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2020.
Fall 2019	Census Offices Open.
February 2020	Group Quarters Operations begins.
March 2020	Update and Leave begins; Internet Self Response begins.
April 1, 2020	Census Day!
April – July 2020	Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.
December 2020	By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.
March 2021	By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.



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COMPLETING THE 2020 CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE: SIMPLE AND SAFE

- The 2020 Census questionnaire will ask only a few simple questions of each person. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete.
- There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census: online, by phone, and by mail.
- The Census removes all identifiable information (names, phone numbers, and addresses) from data files and uses various computer technologies, statistical methods, and security procedures to protect its files.
- The security measures ensure that only a restricted number of authorized people have access to private information and that access is only granted to conduct Census work and for no other purposes.

HOW DOES THE CENSUS INFORMATION IMPACT AMERICAN INDIAN POPULATIONS?

Census is used to allocate federal funding for programs critical to American Indian populations and communities in Montana. Examples for FY2016 include:

Program	Agency	MT Allocation
Highway Planning and Construction	DOT	\$441,147,063
Water & Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities	USDA	\$47,063,800
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (LEA)	ED	\$46,622,762
Public and Indian Housing	HUD	\$5,061,000
WIOA Dislocated Youth Activities	DOL	\$2,437,697
Native American Employment & Training	DOL	\$974,103

TAKE ACTION FOR YOUR TRIBE & YOUR COMMUNITY

You can play an important role in making the 2020 Census successful by encouraging people in your community to take part in the count. You can:

- Encourage tribal members to use the tribe's preferred name when responding to the 'enrolled or principal tribe' question on the 2020 questionnaire.
- Encourage others to get involved in your local Tribal Complete Count Committee (CCC), an organized group of other influential leaders who are committed to increasing participation in the census.
- Answer questions and help people overcome misconceptions about the 2020 Census. Share the benefits of being counted and reassure your community their questionnaire responses are confidential.
- Stay informed and include census information in newsletters, mailings and online. Conduct a meeting or hold an event to encourage participation in the census.
- Work for the 2020 Census or help recruit census applicants for 2020 Census positions. The Census Bureau is hiring thousands of employees in Montana to help execute the 2020 Census. A variety of temporary jobs are available. Census jobs pay competitive wages and the jobs are located in your community. For information about census jobs, visit 2020census/jobs.gov.



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